

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Kaori FUJIMURA et al.  
Serial No. : 09/528,253  
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Title : TOMOGRAPHIC IMAGE READING METHOD,  
AUTOMATIC ALIGNMENT METHOD, APPARATUS  
AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM  
Art Unit : 2621  
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AMENDMENT AFTER A FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 3, 2004 (the three-month response date for which has been extended by three months from August 3, 2004 to November 3, 2004 by the accompanying Transmittal and Petition to Extend), please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 38 of this paper.